

FISCAL NOTE

HB 793 - SB 1052

February 20, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Classifies reckless driving as a Class C misdemeanor unless an injury to persons or property occurs, in which case reckless driving is a Class A misdemeanor. Currently, reckless driving is a Class B misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Revenues – Net Decrease - \$302,000

Local Govt. Revenues – Net Decrease - \$16,000

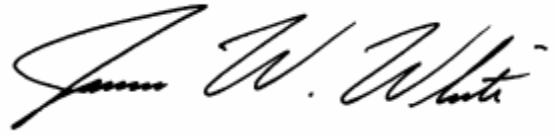
Assumptions:

- Approximately 4,670 convictions for reckless driving.
- Approximately 3.5% of reckless driving convictions will be punishable as a Class A misdemeanor rather than a Class B misdemeanor resulting in an increase in state and local government revenues.
- Approximately 96.5% of reckless driving convictions will be punishable as a Class C misdemeanor rather than a Class B misdemeanor resulting in a decrease in state and local government revenues.
- The average fine for a Class A misdemeanor is \$500; Class B is \$100 and Class C is \$15.
- The State receives fines and the clerks receive commission on such fines in accordance with TCA 55-10-303.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director